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The California Community Foundation Invites Thai CDC Executive Director on to the
Council on Immigrant Integration

The California Community Foundation (CCF) has invited Thai Community Development Center Executive Director Chancee Martorell to join CCF's Council on Immigrant Integration.

The Council believes that immigrant communities are an important part of Los Angeles: one-third of our residents are immigrants, half of our workforce is foreign-born, and nearly two-thirds of those under the age of 18 are the children of immigrants. How we fare as a region and a society depends on making sure that these children are educated, these families are prosperous, and these communities find a civic voice. And given the bell weather status of Los Angeles as an immigrant entry point, what happens in Los Angeles will set precedence for how regions throughout the nation will approach immigrant integration. That is why CCF has convened the Council on Immigrant Integration. The council works towards creating an alternative vision for immigrant integration in the Los Angeles region and building a policy solution framework. It has been convening for two years now and is about to expand to include important partners that the group as a whole felt were missing. Chancee Martorell is proud to be the latest addition to the council.

The Council is composed of stakeholders from business, labor, community-based organizations, city planners/governmental agencies, philanthropy and law enforcement who tackle the policy lens of immigrant integration.

The goals of the Council are as follows: 1. Members participate in discussions about immigrants' complex roles in local communities; 2. Members provide insight on the realities facing

immigrants and receiving communities; 3. Members work collaboratively to develop public policy priorities and strategies that will facilitate the integration of immigrants into the region and into local communities; and 4. Members identify potential funding opportunities to support relevant projects.

Chancee Martorell's participation on the Council on Immigrant Integration will provide additional support to Thai CDC's core mission of helping Thai immigrants integrate into mainstream society and make a successful adjustment to a new country. By helping Thai immigrants overcome cultural dislocation and displacement and the stress and tension associated with the acculturation process, Thai CDC can prevent the disintegration of Thai families and foster their ability to make valuable contributions to the social, economic and cultural fabric of their new community and home.

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